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Case 8666

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Nicolas POLICICCHIO et al.

Serial No.: 09/929,938

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Confirmation No: 1637

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For: ADAPTER PLATES FOR CLEANING IMPLEMENT :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Office of Initial Patent Examination
The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination thereof, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the pending "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS."

Serial No. 09/929,938

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All the foregoing and all the following patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/188,604 filed November 9, 1998 by Nagel et al. (P&G Case 7337); U.S. Application Serial No. 09/201,618 filed November 30, 1998 by Benecke (P&G Case 7361); and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/156,286 filed September 27, 1999 by Sherry et al. (P&G Case 7803P).

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to further clarify the relationship between the present application and the patent applications whose benefit is claimed. Applicants have also amended the application to correct typographical and transcribing errors.

Support for the amendment of the Cross-reference section of the specification can be found in the application as filed and more precisely page 1 and page 7, lines 17-18.

Applicants submit that Mr. Nicola Policicchio is named as an inventor in the present application and that Mr. Policicchio is also an inventor in each patent application for which the benefit of priority is claimed.

Each of these amendments is fully supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed and no new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

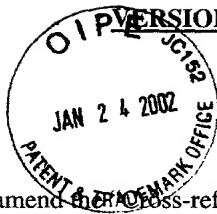
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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.

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